

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 18 April 2001
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Hawk December 2000
Other Known Titles: Hawk Magazine, Volume 9, Number 12
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Killer Joe Productions Inc.
Editor: Mario Gee
Format: Magazine
Country of Origin: USA
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Hawk December 2000* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The magazine is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The effect is cumulative. The magazine's main content is explicit photographs of naked females displaying their bodies, and particularly their genitals, for reader titillation and sexual stimulation. There is a pervasive and consistent construction of the females depicted as sexually innocent "young girls", who are at the same time eager for sex. Some of the females have the appearance of teenage girls, and are readily interpreted as girls rather than as women.

The provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) have been taken into account in determining this classification. As the publication falls under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, it is deemed to be objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the NZBR Act. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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